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Title: **STORAGE DEVICE FOR STEAM STERILIZING**



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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. German Laid-Open Patent Publication No. DE 36 18 429 A1, dated December 3, 1987, together with English-language Abstract;
2. German Patent No. DE 72 08 716, dated June 15, 1972;

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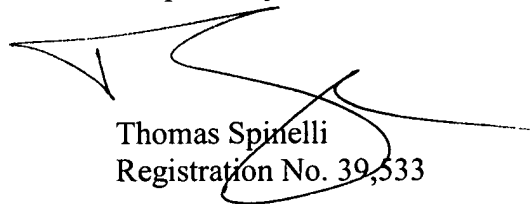

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3. U.S. Patent No. 5,069,273, issued to O'Hearne, dated December 3, 1991;
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,571,488, issued to Beerstecher et al., dated November 5, 1996; and
5. U.S. Patent No. 4,754,595, issued to Sanderson, dated July 5, 1988.

The references were cited in a Search Report received from the European Patent Office, dated May 7, 2007. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references required by 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii), together with a copy of the Search Report. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

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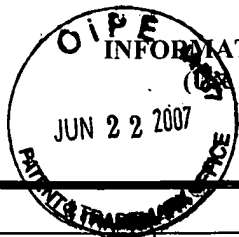
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		5,069,273	12/3/1991	O'Hearne			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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							YES	NO
		DE 36 18 429 A1	12/3/1987	Germany				
		DE 72 08 7166	6/15/1972	Germany				

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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